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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20220

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April 17, 1967

The Commissioner of Police
P. O. Box 41
Zomba, Malawi

Re: HUBBARD, Lafayette Ronald
Yr. No. CONF/2/67

Dear Sir:

Further to my letter of April 3, 1967, I wish to advise that a review of the above named person's file at the Metropolitan Police Headquarters, Washington, D.C., has disclosed that Lafayette Ronald HUBBARD is the Director of the Founding Church of Scientology, which has been involved in both civil and criminal litigation in Washington, D.C., since 1958. The church is located at 1812 19th Street N.W. Washington, D.C.

According to the Police file, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, in November of 1958, seized 20,000 dianezene pills and HUBBARD was charged with criminal possession of dangerous drugs. However, on November 17, 1958, prosecution was declined by an Assistant United States Attorney.

Listed in another file of the Washington Metropolitan Police was an investigation for a violation of the "Healing Arts Law". There was no arrest or prosecution due to lack of evidence. The file contained several sworn statements by complainants that subject and his associates were attempting

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to use the church as a sex cult and one statement contained information that an associate of the subject was recruiting young females in the congregation to pose for pornographic photographs.

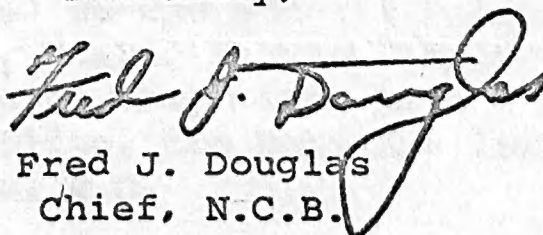
The Police files showed a photograph of a so-called "E-Meter" which had been seized by the Food and Drug Administration for violation of Federal statutes.

The Food and Drug Administration, at the present time, is engaged in activities to negate subpoenas that the subject has served on the Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare as well as deputies in that Government Department. Civil litigation is presently being heard in the U. S. District Court for the District of Columbia.

HUBBARD is presently under investigation for violation of Section 21, United States Code 352a, a criminal violation of the Food and Cosmetic Act. This is the investigation that involves the subject's use and sale of the so-called "E-Meter", a device that supposedly cures all illness through the use of electrolytic action.

As additional reports are received, we shall advise you.

Sincerely,


Fred J. Douglas
Chief, N.C.B.

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Dear Sir:

We now have received additional information concerning the above named subject. The Police Department of Phoenix, Arizona has advised that HUBBARD came to Phoenix along with his son, Lafayette Ronald HUBBARD, Jr., in 1952, and established the Hubbard Association of Scientologists Inc. He ran into some difficulty with the County Attorney for awarding bachelors degrees to students who only studied for five months in his school. HUBBARD, it is reported, also established a church and collected large donations from well-to-do people. HUBBARD's operation appeared to the Phoenix Police Department as being just another money making scheme, capitalizing on the emotions of people who thought they might have a mental problem. According to the Phoenix Police, the HUBBARDS left Phoenix in 1957 and went to Washington, D.C.

Lafayette Ronald HUBBARD, Sr., is described as a caucasian male, born in 1910. His son was born in 1929.

The HUBBARDS have no criminal record in Phoenix and their credit was considered "fair" while they were living in that city.

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It is believed that HUBBARD, prior to coming to Phoenix, resided in Los Angeles, California; Camden, New Jersey, and Seattle, Washington.

We have just received information that investigations of HUBBARD's activities in connection with his promotions of United Survival Action Clubs and Scientology from 1958 to 1966 with regard to possible solicitation of funds through the mails under false pretenses were conducted.

There was not sufficient evidence to support action under the mail fraud statutes and the investigation by the Post Office Department was discontinued in November 1966. It appears that the Food and Drug Administration had an interest in the matter.

HUBBARD, a.k.a. L. Ron Hubbard, was last reported to be living at Saint Hill, Sussex, England which appears to be the international headquarters of his Scientology movement. It appears that HUBBARD has virtually abandoned his earlier movements of Dianetics and United Survival Action Clubs in favor of Scientology.

For your information we are enclosing reproductions of three newspaper articles concerning the activities of the Founding Church of Scientology in Washington, D.C. Also, there is information in the articles concerning HUBBARD's expulsion from Rhodesia.

As our investigation continues, we shall keep you informed.

Sincerely,

(Signed) Fred J. Douglas

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